due to non-availability of beds as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th July, 1997;

(b) whether Government have formulated some guidelines for compliance by hospital authorities not to deny admissions in serious cases, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government would take to ensure that the guidelines for admission are strictly followed by hospitals and stern action is taken against those denying admission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The hospitals/ Nursing Homes named in the News Item have been asked by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to explain the circumstances for not admitting the patient on the said date.

(b) As per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, instructions have been issued by the Central Govt. to all State Govts./ Central Govt. Hospitals and by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to all hospitals including private hospitals in the National Capital not to deney deny admission to victims of road accidents brought to their hospitals and provide them necessary treatment irrespective of it being a medico legal case or not.

(c) Action would be taken as per rules.

Outbreak of Jaundice and Conjuctivitis in Delhi

1748. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the outbreak of jaundice and conjunctivitis in several parts of Delhi;

(b) if so, the various cases of their outbreak; and

(c) the steps taken to provide adequate treatment to patients suffering from these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main source of Jaundice outbreak is Hepatitis-'E' virus which is spread through water and exposed food. Conjuctivitus in epidemic form is also generally of viral orgin.

(c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have informed that adequate facilities exist in the Government hospitals for treatment of patients suffering from these disease. The public are also informed of the preventive steps through electronic and print media.

Extension of CGHS facility to the employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan

1749. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has since been approached by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to extend CGHS facilities to the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Serving employees of the Kendriya Vidhyalaya Sangathan is already covered for getting the medical benefits under Central Government Health Scheme. The request for extension for these facility to the retired employees is not possible

within the present infrastructure and resources.

WHO Figures of AIDS patients in India

1750. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:
SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank and other international agencies, have warned that India might soon become home to largest number of AIDS patients in world and sought to have an "Emergency Action Plan" before it assumes epidemic proportions;

(b) whether WHO has given exaggerated figures of three to five million of HIV/AIDS cases in India;

(c) if so, what are the correct figures, State-wise;

(d) the steps proposed to control AIDS;

(e) whether Government propose an advertising campaign, stressing preventive methods against this disease; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir. The UNAIDS is only publishing a Fact sheet from time to time providing information on global estimates of HIV/AIDS problem as well as continent wise magnitude of the problem.

(b) The WHO figures are broad estimates and are not based on statistical sampling.

(c) The Government of India had constituted an expert group on HIV estimates under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.P. Tripathy, ex-Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research to examine and submit recommendations. The reported figures for HIV positives/AIDS Statewise is enclosed as statement I and statement II. (*See* below)

(d) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the programme consist of:

(i) Strengthening of programme management capabilities at Central and State level;

(ii) Creation of awareness amongst High risk behaviour group and general public about HIV/AIDS;

(iii) Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases;

(iv) Ensure Blood Safety and rational use of blood;

(v) Strengthen the surveillance, and

(vi) Diagnosis of Clinical management of HIV/AIDS cases.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a multi media campaign through the media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to create awareness for the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

In addition, a private advertising agency has been contracted to prepare publicity material which is being used in the print and the electronic media.